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BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. UK MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND
COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS FRANK JUDD VISITED CYPRUS MARCH
3-5 AND MET WITH LEADERSHIP OF BOTH GREEK AND TURKISH
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CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES. DURING HIS VISIT, JUDD MADE
SEVERAL STATEMENTS WHICH ATTRACTED PRESS ATTENTION. HE
REITERATED UK'S RECOGNITION OF GOC AND IN VISIT TO
LATSIA REFUGEE SETTLEMENT EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT
THE DAY WOULD COME WHEN EVERYONE COULD LIVE "IN
THE PLACES WHICH THEY REGARD AS HOME." THESE TWO
STATEMENTS RESULTED IN PRAISE IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS

AND CRITICISM IN TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS.

2. ON OTHER HAND, JUDD SAID HE BELIEVED FORTHCOMING TURKISH PROPOSALS WOULD HAVE SUBSTANCE AND "DEMONSTRABLE GOOD INTENT" AND THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS SHOULD "SEIZE THE POSITIVE POINTS" AS A BASIS FOR PROFITABLE DIALOGUE. JUDD ALSO STATED THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE TURKISH ARMY PROVIDED A "GUARANTEE" FOR THE SECURITY OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY.

3. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS REACTION TO JUDD VISIT HAS BEEN ESSENTIALLY NEGATIVE. LARGEST CIRCULATION PHILELEFTHEROS COMMENTED THAT "POLITICAL POSITIONS WITHOUT POLITICAL DEEDS HAVE NO POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE." SOCIALIST ANEXARTITOS ACCUSED JUDD OF ATTEMPTING TO "IMITATE CARTER'S TACTIC: ONE GOOD WORD FOR ONCE SIDE, ONE GOOD WORD FOR THE OTHER." HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO ANEXARTITOS, JUDD FAILED AND BECAME "MORE AN ALLY AND SUPPORTER OF THE ATILA." RIGHTIST AGON ATTACKED JUDD'S DEFENSE OF THE PRESENCE OF A TFSC OFFICE IN LONDON WHICH CONSTITUTED AN "ENCOURAGEMENT" TO DENKTASH. PRO-GOVERNMENT ELEFTHERI KYPROS NOTED JUDD'S STATEMENT TO THE REFUGEES BUT CAUTIONED THAT "DEEDS AND NOT WORDS ARE THE BEST TEST OF INTENTIONS." END UNCLASSIFIED.

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4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. UK HIGH COMMISSIONER TOLD US THAT JUDD'S MESSAGE TO TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAD BEEN THAT FORTHCOMING PROPOSALS "MUST BE GOOD ENOUGH TO PASS MUSTER." TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, HE WARNED THAT TURKISH PROPOSALS WOULD BE THEIR LAST BEST CHANCE. ACCORDING TO HIGH COMMISSIONER GREEK CYPRIOTS TOLD JUDD THAT (A) THEY ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY BUT COULD NOT AGREE TO NUMERICAL EQUALITY IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, (B) THE TURKISH PROPOSALS MUST NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS ON VAROSHA AND (C) PROVISION HAD TO BE MADE FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, SETTLEMENT AND RIGHT OF PROPERTY. GREEK CYPRIOTS ALSO SAID A REPORTED TURKISH PLAN REQUIRING FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO BE APPROVED SEPARATELY BY EACH COMMUNITY'S LEGISLATURE WOULD BE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. END CONFIDENTIAL. CRAWFORD

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